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# Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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# Celebrate National Junior Ranger Day at Your National Park

**Brecksville, Ohio** - On Saturday, April 19, 2014 celebrate National Junior Ranger Day at Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) with a day full of FREE programs and special events. The National Park Service (NPS) sponsors the Junior Ranger program to help children explore and discover their national parks. Through park-specific activities, children learn about the special places preserved by NPS and in turn become "Junior Rangers" to help protect these areas for the future.

Child-friendly activities and games will be on going from noon to 2:30 p.m. at Ledges Shelter in Peninsula. Enjoy cake and ice cream, visit station activities, and have fun with other Junior Rangers! Participants can earn a Junior Ranger badge by attending any of the day's programs and activities and/or completing the *Junior Ranger Handbook* activities or *Junior Ranger, Jr. Activity Cards*. Junior Rangers that have badges from other parks are encouraged to wear them. We will award prizes for the most badges and patches, the youngest and oldest Junior Rangers, and more! A Junior Ranger swearing in ceremony begins at 1 p.m.

Ledges Shelter is located at Truxell/ Kendall Park Road, 1 mile west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264.

In addition to the activities and swearing-in ceremony at Happy Days Lodge, there are two other free Junior Ranger programs on Saturday, April 19:

### Junior Ranger, Jr.: Scales and Shells

Do you wonder why a snake sheds its skin? Or why a turtle has a shell? Young children can come learn about lifestyles of the cool, dry, and scaly. Free. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

#### **Junior Ranger: Ledges Challenge**

Learn what makes Cuyahoga Valley and other national parks so special. Hike the hilly, unpaved Ledges Trail then challenge your mind by playing NPS Trivia! Free. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Space is limited and registration is necessary for these two events. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children. To register, call 800- 642-3297 ext. 100. Locations provided when registering.

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# **Another Free Junior Ranger Spring Family Program:**

Saturday, May 17

## **Rambling Along the River**

Become a water quality scientist on RiverDay. Take a walk along the flat Towpath Trail, put on goggles and gloves, and test the water of our crooked river. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Program locations are given upon registration. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children. To register call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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